

NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

Summary

- Caremark was chosen as the program provider after a two-year process that involved the NACo Membership Committee, a consulting firm and a special evaluation committee appointed by the NACo President (Karen Miller was President at the time).
- The Caremark program was chosen not only for its price savings, but also for its ease of use and understanding.
- The program provides great flexibility for participating counties. The discount cards can be used by anyone—senior citizens, the elderly, or the uninsured. Some counties may use the cards for their jail populations or their employees if they do not have a prescription drug insurance program.
- There is no cost to NACo, no cost to the counties participating in the program and no cost to the citizens using the discount card.
- Citizens do not have to fill out any forms to participate and, therefore, the counties do not have to maintain any database of who has the cards. The card will be given to citizens with a brochure and can be used immediately by anyone who needs it.
- The discount cards are accepted at more than 57,000 pharmacies nationwide. The overall average savings is about 20 percent. The savings range from 13 percent to 35 percent on purchases of drugs at a local pharmacy and up to 50 percent on mail order purchases. Savings differences are based on brand-named prescriptions vs. generic.
- Only NACo member counties can participate.